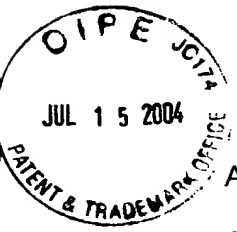


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: H. MIURA, et al
Application No.: 09/977,207
Filed: October 16, 2001
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF
Group: 2823
Examiner: J. Maldonado

RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 15, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims (that is, claims 15-33, 35 and 36), drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, for examination on the merits in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

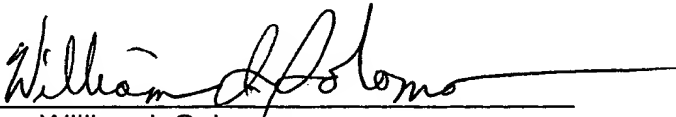
Examination of the Group I claims, on the merits, in due course, is respectfully requested.

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